

and as much as it pains me to say it—it's TU. It's the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band, Silver Taps and "Hallaballoo, Canek, Canek." It's the Junction Boys, Howdy, Gig'em, Reveille, the Dixie Chicken and of course, the ring. But above all else—it's Muster.

Most of the junior class of '42 who fought in World War II have died as with most of the veterans of World War II. But, in Texas we remember them all this July 4th. Seventy years after, when America called they all answered to the sound of reveille.

There is nothing quite like an Aggie. Gig 'Em.

And that's just the way it is.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THOMAS AND CAROLYN SMITH

#### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 26, 2012*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to a very special occasion today—the 50th wedding anniversary of Thomas Reeves and Carolyn Finley Smith.

Thomas Reeves Smith was born on October 31, 1939, in Lineville, Alabama to John William and Velma Reeves Smith. His wife, Carolyn Finley Smith, was born on October 8, 1940, in Anniston, Alabama to Claude and Nile Finley. Dr. and Mrs. Smith were married on June 23, 1962 at First United Methodist Church of Weaver. Together they raised two children, Alicia Ann Smith Simmons, married to Steve Anson Simmons, and Thomas Reeves Smith, Jr., married to Jill Valocik Smith. They have three grandchildren, Lindsey Marie Smith, Thomas Reeves Smith, III and Mia Liane Smith.

Tom is a retired Methodist minister and retired Colonel in the United States Army for which he served as a Chaplain in Viet Nam and throughout the U.S. and Europe during his career of service. Carolyn worked in civil service, for government contractors and in higher education throughout her career.

Tom and Carolyn are active members of First United Methodist Church of Anniston in Anniston, Alabama. On June 23, 2012, a reception was held in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary with approximately 300 of their friends and family members in attendance. I salute this lovely couple on the 50th year of their life together and join their family in honoring them on this special occasion.

#### EXPRESSING REGRET FOR PAS- SAGE OF LAWS ADVERSELY AF- FECTING THE CHINESE IN THE UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF

#### HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 18, 2012*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 683, expressing the regret of the House of Representatives for the passage of laws that adversely affected the Chinese in the United States, including the Chinese Exclusion Act.

In 1882, the U.S. Congress passed the Chinese Exclusion Act to prohibit people of Chinese descent from immigrating to the U.S. and becoming naturalized citizens. While the Chinese Exclusion Act was finally repealed in 1943, severe restrictions on Chinese immigration continued until the Immigration Act of 1965.

For sixty years of our history, America closed its doors to the Chinese people. During this period, Chinese immigrants already living in the United States were prevented from becoming citizens, regardless of how long they had called this country home. This official discrimination by the government of the United States against people of Chinese descent was deeply wrong and a fundamental violation of America's principles of equality and justice.

The pain caused by the Chinese Exclusion Act and other discriminatory policies cannot be undone. Still, Members of Congress have an obligation to recognize these injustices as a means of apology to all Chinese-Americans. Today, one hundred and thirty years after passage of the Chinese Exclusion Act, Congress is voting to express our regret on behalf of the American people. May this action also strengthen the resolve of this body to protect and defend the civil rights of all peoples, in all times.

I urge all of my colleagues to support this measure.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNIVER- SARY OF TGEN'S LAUNCH IN AR- IZONA

#### HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 26, 2012*

Mr. PASTOR of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues from Arizona to commend the Translational Genomics Research Institute ("TGen") for a decade of biomedical research success.

TGen was founded in Arizona in 2002 to leverage new scientific discoveries from the mapping of the human genome, and its establishment promptly accelerated the state into the era of genomics and personalized medicine.

Significant to TGen's establishment was the confluence of support from all sectors of the state to attract this new institute to base its operations in Arizona as well as recruit the renowned geneticist Dr. Jeffrey Trent to lead it, and position the state as a worldwide leader in bioscience and medical discovery. Academic, business, philanthropic and government leaders all joined forces in a statewide campaign within a matter of months to strategically assemble the necessary support. The members of Arizona's congressional delegation also rallied behind this collective vision.

What most excited Arizona leaders was the vision put forth by Dr. Trent, to accelerate and translate scientific discovery into more immediate and effective benefits for patients, all made possible with the new information from the human genome and rapidly developing technology.

It was on this day ten years ago, June 26, 2002, with high expectations and hopes, that Governor Hull and state leaders announced the successful launch of TGen and the

genomics era in Arizona. A decade of exciting growth and new research discoveries has since transpired, with TGen's rising tide lifting all boats.

TGen has kept its promise to the State of Arizona to invigorate and diversify the economy. Beyond growth in TGen's operational impact, TGen has also been instrumental in the creation and expansion of commercial businesses. Investment into TGen and the biosciences has spurred economic growth across the state, including the establishment of such bio centers as the Critical Path Institute and Bio5 in southern Arizona, and ASU's Bio-design Institute. The bioindustry has flourished over the past ten years, even during economic downturns, becoming a significant high-performing sector of the Arizona economy.

For patients, TGen is offering hope where there had been none with novel treatments offered only in Arizona. By partnering with clinical entities like the Mayo Clinic and Scottsdale Healthcare, TGen is focusing on utilizing genomic analyses to improve and customize patient treatments. Patients with pancreatic cancer and rare diseases like basil cell carcinoma are finding answers to their treatment struggles, and through its work, TGen is improving the quality of patient lives and allowing more years to spend with loved ones. Whether it's sequencing anthrax or the plague, investigating H1N1 or Valley Fever, finding new clues to triple-negative breast cancer or Alzheimer's disease, or leading new collaborative research partnerships addressing pediatric and canine cancers, TGen's research has made substantial inroads over the past ten years.

More than a decade ago, the mapping of human genome represented a world challenge to make use of this new knowledge for the benefit of humankind. Arizona answered this challenge, and now TGen is leading the model to fuse modern medicine with the power of translational research to fuel the next wave of treatments for all manner of human diseases.

As the tenth-year anniversary of TGen's launch is celebrated today, I applaud Dr. Trent and the scientists at TGen for their unwavering commitment to make a difference for patients and lead innovative research for Arizona into the next decade.

#### CONSERVATION AND ECONOMIC GROWTH ACT

SPEECH OF

#### HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 19, 2012*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2578) to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act related to a segment of the Lower Merced River in California, and for other purposes:

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to the Conservation and Economic Growth Act, H.R. 2578, a measure that will not create jobs in our country, but instead poke gaping holes in the Clean Air and Clean Water Act.

I support pieces of this legislation, including the Target Practice and Marksmanship Training Support Act, H.R. 3065. This bill, introduced by Representative HEATH SHULER,

would facilitate the construction and expansion of target shooting ranges by increasing the federal share of funding that can be used for such purposes. Had this provision come up for a vote on its own, I would have strongly supported this pro-sportsman legislation.

Unfortunately, this lands package incorporates 13 other bills including several poison pills meant to score political points, not ad-

dress real issues. This bill includes sections that would wave dozens of federal statutes, including the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, and the Farmland Protection Policy Act. I will not support legislation that severely weakens the laws that protect the public health of Americans.

Instead of tackling the significant challenges facing our country, House Republicans cre-

ated a partisan patchwork of legislation that does not create jobs. With the highway bill extension and student loan interest rates set to expire on June 30, and with millions of jobs and students in limbo, I believe Congress should work on bipartisan legislation that strengthens American infrastructure, keeps college affordable, and puts Americans back to work.